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1. WE NOTE THAT AGENCY REPRESENTATION ON REVIEW PANEL INDICATED IN REFTEL EXCLUDES DEPARTMENT OF STATE, BUT INCLUDES DOD. WE ASSUME OMISSION OF STATE REPRESENTATION IS OVERSIGHT, AND THAT THERE WILL BE A STATE PANEL MEMBER IN ADDITION TO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT.

2. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE THAT DOD HAS PLAYED CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN US-JAPAN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION, WE NEVERTHELESS HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS AS TO PROPRIETY OF DOD REPRESENTATION ON REVIEW PANEL. THERE WILL BE NO COMPARABLE GOJ REPRESENTATION, AND SUCH REPRESENTATION ON US SIDE COULD ADVERSELY AFFECT ACCEPTABILITY OF PANEL AND ITS FINDINGS IN JAPAN, ESPECIALLY AMONG ACADEMIC SCIENCE COMMUNITY. IF DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS DOD PARTICIPATION ESSENTIAL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING OF RATIONALE, SINCE THIS NECESSARY FOR PRESENTATION TO GOJ. WE WOULD HOPE, HOWEVER, THAT AS ALTERNATIVE TO ACTIVE DOD PARTICIPATION, DOD INTERESTS COULD BE MADE KNOWN TO AND REPRESENTED BY STATE. IN ADDITION, OF COURSE, FULL DOD PARTICIPATION IN INTERNAL US DELEGATION ACTIVITIES INCLUDING PREPARATION AND REVIEW OF

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REPORTS, WOULD PRESENT NO PROBLEM.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO DEFER INFORMMING GOJ OF PARTICIPATING
AGENCIES PENDING CLARIFICATION OF DOS AND DOD PARTICIPATION,
AND WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE EARLY REPLY.
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